

REMARKS

Claims 3 and 5 have been currently amended, and claims 16-19 have been previously cancelled. Thus, claims 1-15 are pending in the present application. The claim amendments are supported by the specification and claims as originally filed, with no new matter being added. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

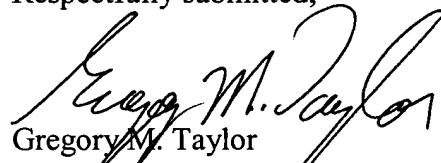
Claim 3 comprises the features as originally defined in Claim 8 and 9 as supported by page 6, lines 11-20 of the specification and Figures 1, 2, and 5.

Claim 5 defines the features of the second embodiment of the invention as presented in original claim 4, Figure 6, and described on page 7, line 25 to page 8, line 6 of the specification. A second female member has been introduced to the wording of the claim and refers to the feature defined by the numeral 24 both within Figure 6 and the specification.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present claims. In the event there remains any impediment to allowance of the present application, which could be clarified in a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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